

The resolution in favour of Elizabeth Johnson, was read the second time and assented to with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word "the" in the 1st line of the resolution to the end thereof and insert "heirs and legal representatives of the said Horatio Johnson, he and they are hereby exonerated and discharged from the debts due from the said Horatio Johnson, as one of the sureties of Dennis Griffith; provided such discharge shall not operate to release the other sureties, except so far as the amount that would have been the proportional part of said Horatio Johnson, as between him and said sureties."

The resolution in favour of Samuel Maynard, of the city of Annapolis, was read the second time and assented to.

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, An act to establish a bank, and incorporate a company, under the name of The Farmers Bank of Maryland, and for other purposes, and the amendments proposed by the senate thereto, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 24, 1804.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have agreed to all of the amendments proposed by you to the bill, entitled, An act to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the name of The Farmers Bank of Maryland, and for other purposes, except the thirteenth. We consider this amendment calculated to injure the institution, while there can be no necessity for the provisions therein contained.

There is certainly nothing in the bill from which it can be implied that the treasurers, at any period or under any circumstances, are to make a deposite of any part of the public funds in the Farmers Bank, or that they shall in any manner exchange public money for paper which may be issued by the said bank. We apprehend the prudence and discretion of those officers will on such occasions so far regulate their conduct as to guard them against any act which can in the most remote degree be hostile to the public interest, while the restrictions contained in the said amendment will create a want of confidence among our fellow-citizens in the paper of the said bank.

We conceive the responsibility under which the treasurers respectively stand to the state, is amply sufficient to protect her interest against any danger which can possibly arise from a connexion between the treasury department and the bank, and therefore that the prohibition in the said amendment, not being required on that ground, will only serve to shew a legislative distrust in the operation of the scheme in detail, while the principle itself meets with its sanction. With this view of the case, we have sent the bill back for reconsideration, and propose a conference by committee with you on the subject, in hopes thereby to obtain a favourable determination on the same, and for this purpose have appointed Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. Stuart, on the part of this house, to join any gentlemen who may be named by you to compose the said committee, in case you should agree to the proposition herein contained.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

Which was read.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, December 27, 1804.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Thomas and Mr. McCulloch appeared in the senate.

The bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a public road from Queen's-town, in Queen-Anne's county, to Queen's-town creek, near the said town, the bill, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned, the resolution in favour of Elizabeth Johnson, the resolution in favour of Samuel Maynard, of the city of Annapolis, and the letter from the governor, with his accounts and vouchers, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, December 28, 1804.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to alter the time of holding the county court of Worcester county, was read the second time and will pass.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the trial of facts in the several counties of this state, and to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the general court and court of appeals, passed by that house December 28, 1804; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The senate proceeded to the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes; the bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow? Resolved in the affirmative.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.